

## **CALIFORNIA DAIRY CAMPAIGN**

August 23, 2007

The Honorable A.G. Kawamura  
Secretary  
California Department of Food and Agriculture  
1220 N Street  
Sacramento, Ca. 95814

RE: Opposition to petition for Class 4b Hearing

Dear Secretary Kawamura:

The California Dairy Campaign (CDC) is requesting that the department not grant a hearing petitioned for by F & A Dairy of California, Inc., and other cheese makers to make changes to the 4b pricing formula. CDC considers the petitioners' request to remove the dry whey value from the Class 4b formula to be unjustified.

Instead of petitioning for changes to the pricing formula, processors should seek to recoup some of their rising costs from the marketplace. Therefore, we do not believe CDFA should grant a hearing to consider the adoption of the changes to the 4b formula proposed by F & A Dairy and other dairy processors.

We appreciate your attention in this regard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joe Augusto", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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